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117TH CONGRESS
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Recognizing the two-year anniversary of the November 2019 massacre by the Islamic Republic of Iran and condemning the human rights violations by the Islamic Republic of Iran.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. HAGEDORN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the two-year anniversary of the November 2019 massacre by the Islamic Republic of Iran and condemning the human rights violations by the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Whereas, on November 15, 2019, scattered protests throughout Iran began over a surprise increase in gasoline prices;

Whereas, by November 17, 2019, the unrest had reached the capital of Tehran, with citizens marching for an end to the Islamic Republic and the downfall of its leaders, and burning pictures of Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei;

Whereas after days of protests across Iran, Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei issued an order to “do whatever it takes to stop them”;

Whereas that order, confirmed by three sources close to the Supreme Leader’s inner circle and a fourth official, set in motion the bloodiest crackdown on protesters since the Islamic Revolution in 1979;

Whereas nearly 1,500 people, including 17 children and over 400 women, were killed during less than two weeks of unrest, as confirmed by three Iranian Ministry of the Interior officials;

Whereas, on November 23, 2019, the former Special Representative for Iran, Brian Hook, stated the “report on the massacre order by Khamenei underscores the urgency for the international community to punish the perpetrators and isolate the regime for the murder of 1,500 Iranian citizens”;

Whereas during President Donald Trump’s administration, the Department of State released an official report citing the death toll as 1,500;

Whereas, in March 2021, the Department of State under the Biden administration released a revised report of the November 2019 protests that lowered the death toll from the confirmed 1,500 to a revised 304;

Whereas the revised, smaller death toll of the November 2019 massacre comes from Amnesty International, which has admitted that the assessment of casualties is incomplete;

Whereas the move by the Biden administration underscores its commitment to appeasing the Iranian regime; and

Whereas the vast majority of Iranians living in Iran do not support the authoritarian dictatorship of Supreme Leader

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and do not have access to basic human rights: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the two-year anniversary of the
3 November 2019 massacre by the Islamic Republic of
4 Iran;

5 (2) condemns, in the strongest possible terms,
6 the human rights atrocities committed against Ira-
7 nians by Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei;
8 and

9 (3) strongly urges the Department of State to
10 restore the recognized death toll of the November
11 2019 massacre to 1,500.